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The Honorable Elaine Chao  
U. S. Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: City of Burlington Downtown/Riverfront Revitalization Project – TIGER Funds

Dear Secretary Chao,

I am writing to you in support of the Department of Transportation's (DOT) Transportations Investment Generating Economic Recover (TIGER) discretionary grant application for City of Burlington Downtown/Riverfront Revitalization Project. I have been told that the City of Burlington is going through an all-inclusive effort to create a comprehensive, sustainable downtown community that better integrates economic prosperity, social vibrancy, ecological integrity, and human experiences.

The City of Burlington has been inundated by flood water in recent years with a series of record floods which caused millions of dollars in property damage, emergency protection cost, clean-up maintenance cost, and lost revenues. The City has been awarded \$26.2 million from the State of Iowa Flood Mitigation Board for Flood Protection. The City has also committed \$35.4 million in storm, sanitary, and road improvements. I have been told that this grant will help The City to enhance the Downtown to Riverfront connections, enhance the connections from the Downtown/Riverfront to the Amtrak Train Depot, and enhance the connection for the River Cruise Lines/Boats to/from the Mississippi River.

I believe these improvements will make the Downtown/Riverfront a destination, spurring more local and regional tourism and economic redevelopment in this area. I understand that the Complete Streets, Linear Multi-Use Path Park, and Gathering Area will lead to a more walkable, bikeable, livable, sustainable community.

I support The City of Burlington's TIGER grant application.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebach  
Member of Congress